



NEW CERTIFICATION FOR PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services received a SAMHSA grant for Certified Peer Specialists, now to be called **Certified Peer Recovery Specialists (CPRS)**. This name change:

- signifies the addition of peers who have lived experience with substance use disorders
- introduces the redesign of the program by providing a training curriculum that is co-occurring
- enables peer recovery services that are provided by a CPRS and identified as medically necessary to be reimbursable by TennCare (Tennessee's Medicaid Agency)



WELCOMING PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

REDESIGNING THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING A NAME CHANGE TO CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS (CPRS)

MEDICAID-REIMBURSABLE SERVICES BY PEERS WHO HAVE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS

NEW WEEKLONG TRAINING PROVIDED BY TDMHSAS WITHOUT COST

TRAINING APPLICATIONS AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON THE STATE WEBSITE:
[HTTP://WWW.TN.GOV/MENTAL/RECOVERY/OCA3.SHTML](http://www.tn.gov/mental/recovery/OCA3.SHTML)

TRAINING DATES

2014

Johnson City
July 28- August 1
Memphis
August 18-22
Jackson
September 8-12
Knoxville
October 6-10
Nashville
October 20-24
Memphis
November 10-14

2015

Nashville
March 2-6
Chattanooga
March 16-20
Memphis
April 6-10
Knoxville
May 11-15
Nashville
June 22-26